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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

Town of

WESTHAMPTON

Year Ending December 31, 1951

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Town Clerk's Report

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Births

Jan.	10	Andrew Arthur Church
Feb.	26	Alexandre Durmiaki
Mar.	2	Richard Fisher
Apr.	10	Donald Richard Ledoux
Apr.	17	Robert Freeman Scott
Apr.	21	Charles Warner Norris
May	18	Nan Cristin Hill
June	13	Jeffrey David Clapp
June	22	Christine Sprague Allen
June	28	Joyce Ann Shakarian
July	16	Darlene Ferron
Aug.	28	Kathleen Clapp
Sept.	9	Leatrice Rose La Valley
Nov.	5	Pamela Joyce Fournier
Nov.	24	Frank Clayton Hathaway
Nov.	29	Leo William Aloisi
Nov.	29	Thomas Edward Vachula

Deaths

Mar.	5	Richard Fisher
Aug.	29	Kathleen Clapp
Nov.	27	Josephine B. Lyman
Dec.	16	Bessie Cole
Dec.	30	Appoline Jean

Marriages

Jan.	6	Donald Richard Gougeon	Northampton, Mass.
		Jeanette G. Williams	Westhampton, Mass.
Jan.	27	Louis H. Rogers, Jr.	Westhampton, Mass.
		Manola M. Blakesley	Westhampton, Mass.

Apr.	14	Kenneth Norman Blakesley	
			Westhampton, Mass.
		Eva Jeanette Coutch	Northampton, Mass.
July	7	Norman Edwin Gougeon	
			Northampton, Mass.
		Carol A. Williams	Westhampton, Mass.
July	15	John Baptist Di Ruzzo	West Concord, Mass.
		Jean Althea Strong	Westhampton, Mass.
Oct.	20	Leonard William Lepine	Easthampton, Mass.
		Lillian Jeanette White	Westhampton, Mass.

Dog Licenses

On hand, Jan. 1, 1952		$5.40
39 Males @ $2.00	$78.00	
4 Females @ $5.00	20.00	
24 Spayed Females @ $2.00	48.00	
3 Kennell @ $10.00	30.00	
		176.00
		$181.40
Paid to Town Treasurer	$163.80	
Retained 70 Fees @ 20¢	14.00	
	$177.80	
On hand Dec. 31, 1951	3.60	
		$181.40

Fish and Game Licenses

34 Resident Fishing @ $2.00	$68.00	
32 Resident Hunting @ $2.00	64.00	
37 Resident Sporting @ $3.25	120.25	
4 Resident Sporting (1952) @ $5.25	21.00	
19 Resident Women and Minor @ $1.25	23.75	
4 Non-resident Fishing (3 day) @ $1.50	6.00	
1 Duplicate @ .50	.50	
		$303.50

Paid To Division of Fisheries and Game	$271.00	
Retained 130 fees @ .25	32.50	
		$303.50

Free Licenses
4 Resident Sporting
2 Resident Military and Naval

D. L. JUDD
Town Clerk

I have examined the accounts of the Town Clerk and find them correct.

JEAN W. NORRIS
Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Town Treasurer

RECEIPTS

	December 31, 1951
Balance on Hand January 1, 1951	$24,665.23
Taxes	
1949 Personal Property	$58.20
Real Estate	184.00
1950 Personal Property	938.86
Real Estate	3,921.97
Excise	272.83
Poll	4.00
1951 Personal Property	8,523.38
Real Property	19,584.25
Excise	3,141.88
Poll	264.00
Interest on Taxes	
1949	13.63
1950	104.21
1951	12.89
Demands	
1949	1.05
1950	3.50
1951	3.50
Warrants	
1949	1.00
1950	3.00
1951	2.50
Highways	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Ch. 81, 1950 Work	490.91
1951 Work	9,586.03
Ch. 90, 1950 Construction	3,000.00
1951 Construction	3.000.00
Ch. 90, 1951 Maintenance	1,000.00

From Hampshire County Treasurer	
Ch. 90, 1950 Construction	1,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	10.00
1951 Maintenance	1,000.00
1951 Construction	1,500.00
Dog Licenses Refund	163.05
Town Clerk	
Dog Licenses	163.80
Old Age Assistance	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Federal Grant	$6,668.55
Federal Grant for Administration	387.30
State Aid	4,570.71
Meal Taxes	115.72
Town of Palmer	27.22
Town of Worthington	181.60
Schools	
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Mass. School Fund, Ch. 70	5,508.81
Mass. School Fund, Ch. 71	5,266.59
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	321.24
Mass. Vocational Edu. Refund	
Smith's School, Industrial	149.74
Household Arts	326.95
Evening Adult Edu.	9.45
Holyoke Trade School	56.12
City of Northampton, Tuition	300.00
From Massachusetts State Treasurer	
Corporation Taxes	1,208.00
Income Taxes	1,350.58
Public Service Franchise Tax	34.30
Support of Indigent Persons	18.81
Burial of Indigent Persons	110.00
Dept. of Agriculture, Div. of Livestock	12.50

Town Highway Dept.		
Machine Fund	3,185.88	
Miscellaneous Income		
Revolver Permits	3.50	
Revolver Club, Use of Town Hall	5.00	
Auto Dealer's License	5.00	
License to Collect Waste Material	2.00	
Victualer's License	1.00	
Sale of Gasoline Tank	7.50	
City of Holyoke, Snow-plowing	55.00	
Pease & Co., Insurance Dividend	8.65	
Pease & Co., Ins. Premium Refunds	314.36	
King & Cushman, Ins. Prem. Refund	8.73	
Eastern States Farmers Exchange Refund	2.04	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co., Refund	2.27	
Discount taken	.07	
Withholding Taxes	1,285.20	
County Retirement Deductions	216.09	
Interest from Trust Funds		
Cemetery	74.26	
Whiting Street	27.60	
Wright	20.00	
Thayer	20.00	
1951 Income		$90,320.78
		$114,986.01

EXPENDITURES

Paid Selectmen's Orders	$55,977.86	
Paid School Committee Orders	21,457.24	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1952	37,550.91	
		$114,986.01

Outstanding Taxes

1951	Personal Property	$852.88	
	Real Estate	3,444.71	
	Excise	253.61	
	Poll	2.00	
1950	Personal Property	85.96	
	Real Estate	267.04	
	Excise	25.94	
1949	Real Estate	96.00	
	Excise	4.13	
			$5,032.27

Funds Held in Trust by the Town

Cemetery

$2,000.00 Lucy Langdon	$50.00
500.00 O. C. Bridgman	10.00
100.00 Myra G. Strong	2.00
100.00 George Burt	2.00
100.00 Sarah Cook	2.00
100.00 Samuel Edwards	2.00
100.00 A. L. Searle	2.00
100.00 Emma G. Damon	2.00
50.00 D. L. Brown	1.00
50.00 Susan A. Loud	1.26
	$74.26

Worthy Poor

$1,380.85 Whiting Street	$27.60
1,000.00 Wright	20.00
	$47.60

Thayer

$1,000.00	$20.00

Stabilization Fund		
Balance on Hand January 1, 1951	$1,071.28	
Interest 1951	21.52	
Balance January 1, 1952		$1,092.80

Balances on Hand January 1, 1952	
Road Machine Fund	$3,185.88
Protective Insurance for Firemen	130.00
Old Age Assistance, U. S. Grant	1,414.60
Aid to Dependent Children, U. S. Grant	2.10
Veterans' Picture	200.00
Public Dump	500.00
Water Hose, Fire Dept.	312.00
Public Parking Lot	57.56
Assistance with Building Water Holes	200.00
Trust Funds, Cemetery	111.26
Retirement Deductions, County	13.95
Federal Withholding Taxes	163.78

RALPH S. BRIDGMAN

Treasurer

I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correct, showing disbursements to the amount of seventy-seven thousand, four hundred thirty-five dollars and ten cents ($77,435.10), for which vouchers are on file, and a balance on hand of thirty-seven thousand, five hundred fifty dollars and ninety-one cents, ($37,-550.91). Due from Ralph S. Bridgman, Tax Collector, 1951 personal property tax eight hundred fifty-two dollars and eighty-eight cents ($852.88). Real estate tax three thousand, four hundred forty-four dollars and seventy-one cents ($3,444.71), excises two hundred fifty-three dollars and sixty-one cents, and polls two dollars

($2.00). 1950 personal property taxes eighty-five dollars and ninety-six cents ($85.96), real estate taxes two hundred sixty-seven dollars and four cents ($267.04), excise twenty-five dollars and ninety-four cents ($25.94), 1949 real estate taxes ninety-six dollars and no cents ($96.00), and excise four dollars and thirteen cents ($4.13).

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

Auditor's Note:

No funds were voted at our 1951 Town Meeting to pay the note on our Town Hall debt. The Selectmen authorized the Treasurer to pay the $1000 note due the Northampton National Bank, and the note was paid. This was proper because the Town was obligated to pay the note. Action should be taken at our 1952 Town Meeting to provide for this overdraft.

JEAN W. NORRIS

REPORT OF THE

Board of Selectmen

TOWN OFFICERS

Mass. Selectmen's Association dues	$10.00	
County Selectmen's Association dues	6.00	
Mass. Collectors' and Treasurers' Association dues	4.00	
D. L. Judd, Clerk	150.00	
W. M. Fiske, moderator	10.00	
R. S. Bridgman, treasurer and tax collector	425.00	
Gertrude E. Flint, registrar and typing	12.50	
Evelyn Tracy, house census	20.00	
Eleanor Clapp, house census	20.00	
Gilbert I. Flint, assessor	100.00	
Philip J. Norris, assessor	125.00	
Sydney H. Cole, assessor	83.33	
Frederick H. Burr, assessor	20.83	
Charles R. Burt, selectman	150.00	
Donald B. Lyman, selectman	125.00	
William M. Fiske, selectman	125.00	
Ellis Hover, school committee	60.00	
Howard Loud, school committee	80.00	
Estelle Frary, school committee	60.00	
Jean Norris, auditor	25.00	
Myron M. Clapp, insp. of slaughtering	29.00	
Myron M. Clapp, inspector of cattle	27.00	
Stanley Bartlett, sealer of weights and measures	10.00	
Edith Blakesley, copying orders	25.00	
Frank W. Blakesley, registrar	30.00	
James O. Hickey, dog officer	10.00	
		$1,742.66

TOWN HALL ACCOUNT

John Moriarty, chairs	$102.08	102.08

TOWN HALL LOAN

Northampton National Bank	$1,000.00	1,000.00

TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE

Western Mass. Electric Co.	$89.04	
Hickey and Williams, labor and materials	80.10	
John Cernak, Jr., fuel oil	337.40	
John Cernak, Jr., fuel oil tank	52.00	
Francis A. Loud & Son	65.00	
James R. Shea	4.25	
Walter R. Witherell	1.50	
Jeffway Hatch Inc., repairing wiring	18.14	
Westhampton Water Co.	25.00	
Ward Miller	10.80	
Richard Tracy, janitor	25.00	
Richard Tracy, supplies	7.48	
		715.71

Chapter 81

Frank W. Blakesley	$1,230.00
Harland Lemery	285.00
Richard Warren	377.50
Edward Balise	577.25
George Payson	764.00
Frank Montague	558.50
Oliver Bishop	1,531.25
Machinery Fund	1,811.25
John Donavan	159.75
Ernest Donovan	288.00
Jack Donovan	42.00
Gaylon Donovan	81.00
Ernest Witherell	113.50
Henry Snyder	636.00
Wendell Whittaker	90.00
Murray Clapp	42.00

Robert Norris	4.00	
Simon Brinn	12.00	
Edwin Hayes	106.25	
Frederick Pinard	116.00	
Raymond Pinard	88.00	
		$8,913.25

Chapter 81—Material

Bill Willard	$678.78	
Omasta Bros.	75.40	
Henry J. Payson	270.30	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	1,225.32	
John S. Lane & Son	298.35	
American Tar Co.	1,549.85	
Ernest Witherell	1.20	
Ada Williams	39.00	
		$4,138.20

Chapter 90 Construction

Frank W. Blakesley	$296.25	
Machinery Fund	196.00	
Edward Balise	36.00	
George Payson	68.00	
John Donovan, Jr.	1,310.50	
Jack Donovan	829.50	
Donovan Bros.	229.50	
Henry Snyder, Inc.	1,162.50	
Ernest Witherell	131.50	
Oliver Bishop	997.25	
Frank Montague	508.13	
Edwin Hayes	42.50	
		$5,807.63

Chapter 90 Construction—Material

Edward A. Montague	$115.80	
Henry J. Payson	4.50	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	77.30	
		$197.60

Chapter 90 Construction in 1950

Frank W. Blakesley	$296.25	
Edward Balise	190.00	
George Payson	178.00	
Machinery Fund	12.00	
John Donovan, Jr.	1,071.00	
Frederick Pinard	4.00	
Raymond Pinard	4.00	
	———	$1,755.25

Chapter 90 Construction in 1950—Material

New England Metal Culvert Co.	$606.13	606.13

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Frank W. Blakesley	$195.00	
Harland Lemery	120.00	
Oliver Bishop	528.50	
Frank Montague	131.50	
Edward Balise	125.00	
George Payson	165.00	
Murray Clapp	8.00	
Ernest Witherell	84.00	
Machinery Fund	341.25	
Henry Snyder, Inc.	60.00	
	———	$1,758.25

Chapter 90 Maintenance—Material

American Tar Co.	$786.06	
John S. Lane & Co.	349.34	
Community Feed Stores	7.20	
Bill Willard	100.11	
	———	$1,242.71

Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work

Frank W. Blakesley	$427.50
Donald B. Lyman	2.25
Ernest Witherell	12.00
Harland Lemery	176.25

Myron M. Clapp, Jr.	98.00	
Henry J. Payson	1.50	
Alfred Blakesley	13.00	
Oliver Bishop	1,041.37	
Frank Montague	25.50	
Edward Balise	102.50	
George Payson	90.50	
Machinery Fund	737.00	
Richard C. Warren	677.63	
Murray Clapp	161.13	
William M. Fiske	63.75	
W. N. Potter Stores, Inc.	224.00	
Omasta Bros.	129.75	
Bill Willard	38.24	
Frank Munson	28.75	
		$4,050.62

Bridges and Railings

Frank W. Blakesley	$20.00	
J. Russell & Co.	9.43	
George Payson	8.00	
Eastern States Farmers Exch., paint	4.00	
Harland Lemery	10.00	
Machinery Fund	6.00	
Myron M. Clapp, stringers and posts	102.97	
		$160.40

Parking Lot

New England Metal Culvert Co.	$158.37	
Henry Snyder, Inc.	60.00	
Frank Montague	11.25	
Oliver Bishop	60.00	
Ernest Witherell	8.00	
George Payson	8.00	
Frank W. Blakesley	30.00	
Bill Willard	66.87	
Harland Lemery	20.00	
Omasta Bros.	19.95	
		$442.44

Road Machinery Building

Western Mass. Electric Co.	$32.42	
John Cernak, Jr., fuel oil	176.25	
John Cernak, Jr., tank and fan	110.75	
Richard C. Warren	20.00	
Loudville Store	1.18	
Westhampton Water Co.	9.00	
Ward Miller	6.75	
		$356.35

Road Machinery Account

Frank S. Parsons & Son	$16.55
Frank W. Blakesley	34.90
Harland Lemery	81.87
Richard Warren	113.13
Perkins Milton Co.	22.49
Easthampton Welding and Radiator Service	166.75
A. W. Stuart, sharpening tools	10.75
Frary Motors	29.33
Frank Munson	5.00
John Cernak, Jr.	303.26
Cernak Farm Supply	307.56
Walsh Holyoke Boiler Works	87.32
E. F. Edson, Inc.	7.25
Plumb Auto Supply	36.87
Charles R. Burt	6.00
Thouin Welding Service	29.25
Manchester Co.	4.41
James O. Hickey, Jr., light on grader	10.00
Blyda Motor Sales, Inc.	20.80
Cernak Buick	37.70
Eastern States Farmers Exchange	1.77
Hector A. Arel Co.	320.96
Construction Equipment Co.	11.80
E. L. Miller, anti-freeze	7.00
Chilson Shops	30.50

Carl Service	6.05	
J. Russell Co.	42.52	
H. J. Croteau Hardware Co.	10.47	
Northampton Radiator Co.	14.50	
		$1,776.76

Fire Department

James O. Shea, supplies	$26.75	
American LaFrance Foamite Corp., supplies	11.07	
Frank S. Parsons & Son, repairs	21.10	
		$58.92

Old Age Assistance

19 cases aided	$12,486.27	

O. A. A. Administration

Estelle Frary, salary	$500.00	
Estelle Frary, telephone and supplies	39.65	
Hobbs & Warren, supplies	1.35	
W. E. Londergan, supplies	8.50	
Mark Supple, supplies	35.88	
Myron Rhoades, supplies	86.85	
		$672.23

Board of Health

Herman Felsen, M. D.	$15.00	15.00

Well Child Clinic

Herman Felsen, M. D.	$30.00	
Ruth Hover, R.N.	30.00	
		$60.00

Diphtheria Clinic

Herman Felsen, M. D.	$25.00	
Ruth Hover, R.N.	25.00	
		$50.00

Library

Sanders' Insurance Agency	$62.20	
The Personal Book Shop, Inc., books	28.76	
Charles Norris, wood	30.00	
H. R. Huntting Co., books	74.87	
National Geographic Magazine	5.25	
Marion Mascho, librarian	56.77	
George Knight, janitor	25.00	
The Kraushar Press	5.20	
		$288.05

Memorial Day

Reverend Benson Harvey, speaker	$10.00	
Gerald Ranney, soloist	5.00	
Laura Witherell, ice cream	20.00	
		$35.00

Gypsy Moth

Kenneth Blow	$24.00	
Ralph Payson	32.00	
Myron Hathaway	44.00	
Walter Witherell	65.00	
		$165.00

Travel Expense

Evelyn Tracy	$4.20	
Gilbert Flint	2.00	
		$6.20

Contingent Fund

Raymond A. Warner, transfers	$19.80	
Ruth S. Hover, medical supplies	2.00	
Mrs. Elizabeth Finn, selectees send off gift	2.00	
Ralph Bridgman	2.80	
Philip Norris, telephone and meals	4.82	
		$31.42

Dutch Elm Disease

Walter Witherell	$78.55	$78.55

Interest, Insurance and Bonds

Sanders' Insurance Agency:		
Tax collector's bond	$5.00	
Treasurer's bond	25.50	
Fire truck insurance	32.90	
Clerk's bond	7.50	
Collector's bond	39.75	
Balance on liability	1.00	
E. Ray Ashley, insurance on G.M.C. truck	38.04	
E. Ray Ashley, insurance on Ford truck	56.40	
Pease & Co.:		
Insurance on weights and measures	13.92	
Ins. on school building and Town Hall	83.69	
Workmen's Compensation	189.43	
King & Cushman:		
Insurance on Town Hall, School and machinery buildings	337.79	
Fire and theft ins. on the grader and fire truck	32.64	
Camera floater	5.88	
James P. McGrath:		
Accident policy on fire department	130.00	
Northampton National Bank		
Interest on note	280.00	
First National Bank, check book expense	4.00	
		$1,283.44

Printing & Supplies

The Barre Gazette, Collector's supplies	$25.15
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	12.77
Harlow & Fennessey	5.80
W. E. Londergan, Town Reports	150.00
W. E. Londergan, supplies	11.00
D. L. Judd, Clerk's supplies	7.53

Mark W. Supple, Standard envelopes	34.88	
Philip Norris, Postage	.33	
F. W. Blakesley, Postage & Tel.	23.96	
C. R. Burt, Postage & Supplies	4.69	
		$276.11

Trust Funds

Street & Wright Fund, Marion Mascho	$47.60	
Thayer Fund, R. H. Tracy	10.00	
Thayer Fund, R. S. Bridgman	10.00	
		$67.60

Cemetery

Oliver Bishop, Gravel & Loam	$26.00	
Westhampton Water Co.	5.00	
Stanley Bartlett, Labor	266.20	
		$297.20

Withholding Tax

First National Bank	$1,232.21

Retirement System

Treasurer of Hampshire Co.	$241.41

County Retirement System Appropriation

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$177.20

Taxes

Treasurer of Hampshire County, county tax	$2,007.85	
State Treasurer, State Parks and Reservations	52.34	
		$2,060.19

Tax Abatements

Rogers & Hubbard Co.	$6.26	
Sydney Cole	5.03	
Madeline Foxx	5.03	
Claire Foster	31.63	
Raymond Blakesley	29.67	
Ellis Hover	14.05	
William Hunt, Jr.	2.34	
Oliver Bishop	6.05	
		100.06

Special Appropriations

Richard C. Warren, Ford truck	$1,100.00	
Bloom's Camera Center, Inc., movie screen	144.08	
King & Cushman, Inc., insurance on Town Hall	121.88	
		$1,365.96

Dog Licenses

Treasurer of Hampshire County	$163.80	163.80

Recapitulation

Town Officers	$1,742.66
Town Hall Account	102.08
Town Hall Loan	1,000.00
Town Hall Maintenance	715.71
Chapter 81	8,913.25
Chapter 81 Material	4,138.20
Chapter 90 Construction	5,807.63
Chapter 90 Construction Material	197.60
Chapter 90 Construction in 1950	1,755.25
Chapter 90 Construction in 1950 Material	606.13
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,758.25
Chapter 90 Maintenance Material	1,242.71
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	4,050.62
Bridges and Railings	160.40
Parking Lot	442.44
Road Machinery Building	356.35
Road Machinery Account	1,776.76
Fire Department	58.92
O. A. A. Administration	672.23
Old Age Assistance	12,486.27
Board of Health	15.00
Well Child Clinic	60.00
Diphtheria Clinic	50.00
Library	288.05

Memorial Day	35.00	
Gypsy Moth	165.00	
Travel Expense	6.20	
Contingent Fund	31.42	
Dutch Elm Disease	78.55	
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	1,283.44	
Printing and Supplies	276.11	
Trust Funds	67.60	
Cemetery	297.20	
Withholding Tax	1,232.21	
Retirement System	241.41	
Retirement System Appropriation	177.20	
Taxes	2,060.19	
Tax Abatements	100.06	
Special Appropriations	1,365.96	
Dog Licenses	163.80	
		$55,977.86

Budget Recommendation for 1952

Schools	26,887.50
Highways, Chapter 81	675.00
Chapter 90 Construction	1,500.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	9,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	80.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	1,200.00
Town Hall, maintenance	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00
Printing and Supplies	400.00
Library, Dog Fund plus	250.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent	100.00
Reserve Fund	600.00

Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	3,000.00
Soldiers' Relief	100.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	250.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	300.00
Road Machinery Account	3,185.88
Travel Expenses	50.00
Fire Department	150.00
Road Machinery Building	350.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	186.07
Recreation Committee	50.00
Retiring Town Hall Bond	1,000.00

Names in the Jury Box

George H. Burt	Truck Driver
Stanley W. Bartlett	Landscape Gardner
Grant Bridgman	Millhand
Edward Cernak	Mechanic
Edwin S. Hayes	Farmer
Ralph A. Payson	Millhand

Jurors Drawn in 1951

Richard C. Williams	Grand Jury
John C. Hathaway	Traverse
Roger W. Clapp	Traverse
Enoch Perkins	Traverse
A. Lyman Snow	Traverse

CHARLES R. BURT
DONALD B. LYMAN
WILLIAM M. FISKE

Selectmen

Westhampton, Mass., December 31, 1951

I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and find them correct, orders having been drawn to the amount of $55,977.86 (fifty-five thousand nine hundred seventy-seven dollars and eighty-six cents) for which vouchers are on file.

JEAN W. NORRIS

Auditor

REPORT OF THE

Board of Assessors

1951

Raise and Appropriate

Schools	$21,460.00
Highways, Chapter 71	675.00
Hiighways, Chapter 90	1,500.00
Highways, Chapter 90, maintenance	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Town Officers	2,000.00
Old Age Assistance	10,000.00
Board of Health	50.00
Board of Health, Well Child Clinic	80.00
Interest, Insurance and Bonds	1,600.00
Town Hall, maintenance	1,000.00
Gypsy Moth	175.00
Dutch Elm Disease	100.00
Printing and Supplies	500.00
Library, dog tax refund plus	125.00
Memorial Day	40.00
Contingent Fund	125.00
Snow Removal, Sanding and Road Work	4,000.00
Soldier's Relief	100.00
Rabies Vaccine	50.00
Diphtheria Clinic	55.00
Public Welfare	500.00
Fire Patrol	100.00
Cemetery	300.00
Fire Department	250.00
Road Machinery Building	350.00
Hampshire County Retirement System	177.20
Recreation	50.00
Travel Expense	50.00
Fire Station Building	500.00

Insurance for Firemen	130.00	
Chairs for Town Hall	100.00	
Picture Screen, Town Hall	175.00	
Adult Education	100.00	
Parking Lot	300.00	
Memorial Plaque for Soldiers of World Wars 1 and 2	100.00	
		$48,317.20

From Balance in the Treasury

Highways, Chapter 81	5,000.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 construction	4,500.00	
Highways, Chapter 90 maintenance	2,000.00	
Town Truck	1,100.00	
Recreation	33.46	
Reserve Fund	600.00	
Road Machinery Account	2,390.39	
State Parks and Reservations	72.32	
State Audit	.72	
County Tax	2,195.89	
Overlay	1,617.50	
		19,510.28
Total 1951 Appropriations		$67,827.48
Estimated receipts and available funds	$35,056.48	
Net amount raised on polls and property	32,771.00	
		$67,827.48
Personal valuation	166,975.00	
Real Estate value	423.505.00	
		590,480.00
Tax on Personal Property	9,183.76	
Tax on Real Estate	23,293.24	
Tax on Polls	294.00	
		32,771.00

Tax Rate	55.00
December omitted assessments	192.50
Motor Vehicles Tax	3,464.27
Exemptions on Real Estate	264.28
Exemptions on Polls	26.00
Abatements on Real Estate 1951	264.00
Abatements on Personal 1948	60.00
Abatements on Personal 1950	.62
Abatement on Motor Vehicles Excise 1951	168.83
Abatement on Motor Vehicles Excise 1950	14.91
Abatement on Polls 1951	2.00

From the Table of Aggregates

Yr.	Horses	Cows	Sheep	Goats	Cattle	Swine	Fowl	Dwellings
1949	64	301	20	10	155	29	7,552	201
1950	40	294	23	12	165	25	14,365	215
1951	32	312	22	23	156	25	14,018	225

PHILIP J. NORRIS
GILBERT I. FLINT
SYDNEY H. COLE

Assessors

REPORT OF THE

Memorial Library

Receipts

Town Appropriation	$125.00	
Dog tax refund	163.05	
		$288.05

Expenditures

Sanders Insurance Agency	62.20	
Charles Norris, wood	30.00	
National Geographic Magazine	5.25	
Kraushar Press	5.20	
Personal Book Shop, books	28.76	
H. R. Huntting Co., books	74.87	
George H. Knight, janitor	25.00	
Marion Mascho, librarian	56.77	
		$288.05

Trust Funds—Easthampton Savings Bank

Receipts

Bank balance January 1, 1951	$870.52	
Interest	122.22	
		$992.74

Expenditures

Electricity	$10.91	
Joseph Tobin, care of lawn	3.50	
Charles Norris, wood	14.00	
Edith Grant, magazines	37.25	
Books	4.25	
Marion Mascho, librarian	43.23	
		$113.14
Bank Balance January 1, 1952		879.60
		$992.74

Edward H. Montague Fund—Easthampton Savings Bank

Receipts

Bank balance January 1, 1951	$550.87	
Interest	13.84	
		$564.71

Expenditures

Books—3	$7.53	
Balance January 1, 1952	557.18	
		$564.71

Circulation

Adult fiction	805
Adult non fiction	309
Juvenile	1,378
Magazines	535
Books borrowed from Bookmobile:	
Adults	585
Juvenile	246
Adventures in Reading	205

Eighty books were purchased. Gifts of fifty-six books were received from Mrs. Harold Watts, Mrs. William Miller, Daniel Bridgman, Elizabeth and Lois Hover and Mrs. Duryea. Story hour for the boys and girls was held during the summer and fall. Two hundred and five attended with an average attendance of twenty-two.

PHILIP J. CLAPP, Chairman
HERBERT F. MASCHO, secretary
HELEN WATTS
GERTRUDE E. FLINT
CHRISTINE HICKEY
REV. ROBERT L. YOUNG

Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE

School Committee

To the Citizens of Westhampton:

The School Committee held 12 regular and 2 special meetings during the year; they also attended the annual meeting of the Joint School Boards in Union #2.

All of the members and the Superintendent were present at all of these meetings except one; at this meeting one member was out of town.

Esther Clapp was authorized to teach music once a week instead of once in two weeks as has been the custom.

At the beginning of the school year in September the heating janitor and cleaning janitor were consolidated into one, which has proved more practical.

The elementary bus contract for transportation of pupils in the South District was mutually terminated and new bids called, with the result that Walter R. Witherell, Sr. was low bidder and was awarded the contract for three years. Mr. Witherell was also low bidder for the high and vocational transportation of pupils to Northampton and was awarded the contract for three years.

The School Committee voted to accept the 1951 annual reports of the following: Superintendent, Principal, Music Supervisor, Physical Education, School Nurse and the Well Child Clinic. They recommend that these reports be read by the citizens of Westhampton.

At the end of 1951 the committee discontinued the stub book method of making orders for paying bills and instituted the warrant system. This system has been recommended very strongly by the State Auditors.

ELLIS T. HOVER
HOWARD F. LOUD
ESTELLE W. FRARY

School Committee

REPORT OF THE

Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee and Citizens of the
Town of Westhampton:

I hereby present this, my seventh report of the Public Schools of Westhampton. This is the sixty-first in the series.

The 1951-1952 (October 1, 1951) enrollment is as follows:

Grades 1 and 2	15 pupils
Grades 3, 4, and 5	23 pupils
Grades 6, 7, and 8	19 pupils
TOTAL	57 pupils

Eighteen pupils are attending Northampton High School; 4 pupils are enrolled at Smith's School; and 1 pupil is attending Holyoke Trade School. Private and parochial school enrollment includes 1 pupil in attendance at Williston, and 9 in parochial schools. Our total enrollment in elementary and secondary schools is 90 pupils.

Reports from Northampton High School show that the Westhampton Center graduates are doing creditable work, and reports from trade schools show that all but one are doing satisfactory work.

School opened in September of 1951 with one change on the faculty. In June, Mrs. Eleanor Clapp resigned as teacher of Grades 3, 4, and 5, and to replace her, Miss Phyliss Andrews, of Savoy, Massachusetts, was appointed. Miss Andrews was graduated from North Adams State Teachers College in 1949, with a B.S. degree, and had two years of teaching experience in Union #57, Florida, Massachusetts, before she came to Westhampton. Shortly after she was appointed, Miss Andrews became

Mrs. Gawle, and made her home in Easthampton. In the four months that Mrs. Gawle has been teacher in the Center School she has proved herself to be an excellent teacher. She is "all business," and as a result the pupils follow her lead, with very good results coming out of her classroom. We were very fortunate to have been able to obtain Mrs. Gawle for our intermediate-grades' teacher.

By vote of the School Committee, beginning September 1951, the pre-primary class was discontinued. This was done in order to keep the enrollment figure down to a size which would not overtax the teacher, and to allow the children in Grades 1 and 2 to receive the maximum of attention. A glance at the above number of 15 pupils in the primary classroom would point to the fact that fifteen is a small number of children per classroom, which is true; but, should we have pre-primary pupils in that room, in addition to the children in Grades 1 and 2, Miss Bridgman would have 28. Twenty-eight pupils in a primary room of three grades is too many for a good learning situation, and physically the room, with all the equipment needed to teach with modern methods, is too small. In September of 1952, according to present figures (and there will probably be more, rather than less children), the room, with pre-primary pupils plus Grades 1 and 2, would have to hold 36 pupils. The primary room just is not large enough to hold three classes, and it will soon outgrow Grades 1 and 2 as a combined unit.

The discontinuing of the pre-primary class has been the only major change in the curriculum during the past year. The teachers, principal, and administration are in the process of studying the social studies curriculum in the intermediate grades, and new history and geography textbooks, and other materials, will be recommended to the school committee for purchase after the new budget is passed. New maps have already been obtained, and are in use in the intermediate room. Mr. Fedor has requested samples of junior-high science textbooks for study and

comparison, and a unified science series from Grade 3 through 8 will be proposed and probably recommended by the superintendent for the September, 1952-term, if not before.

Any attempt to describe how the philosophy of Westhampton Center School is being carried out, or the operation of the curricular or co-curricular programs, would be a repetition of the excellent report of Mr. Fedor, our principal, which explains these in detail. It must be said, however, that the spirit and atmosphere conducive to good living and learning are being exemplified under the administration of Principal Fedor, and the instruction of Miss Bridgman and Mrs. Gawle. It should be added also that the cooperation of parents, supervisors, bus drivers, and all who are interested in their school, is "tops" and is getting better. Maybe it is because of the excellent work that the Parent-Teacher Association and the Hampshire Center are doing. We hope that the spirit of the Center School is being carried home by the children and spread to all parts of the town.

The problem of maintenance is a constant one in any school department. Our building is no exception in this respect. Our classrooms, which were painted one coat in 1948, need their second one now, and a few new side chairs and pieces of furniture are necessary. The most needed repair at the present moment seems to be the floors, which are badly worn in many places, and uneven and loose in others. According to experts in schoolhouse construction it is better to lay a layer of plyscore over the old floor, with a cemented top of good-grade asphalt tile, in a school building, than to replace the old floor with a new one of maple or hardwood. The tile is less expensive, more sanitary, better to maintain and to look at. Tile flooring is also recommended since we have movable furniture that does not have to be screwed down.

We have been very much pleased with the performance of the electric hot water heater. Hot water in the build-

ing was a necessity to the hot-lunch program, and we feel that it has been a help in keeping colds and other diseases to a minimum. It is the policy of the superintendent and school committee to maintain the building in A-1 shape. We believe that it is our duty, as agents of the town in charge of the educational system, to protect the physical investment as well as to administer the educational program.

The reports of the principal, school nurse, music, and physical education supervisors will tell of the progress the children have made during the past year. Results of standardized tests show that the children are receiving training in the three R's. The people who attend the numerous programs and exercises that are put on by the children will have seen what is being done to help the pupils develop socially. We try to discover musical abilities in the children, and to help them to develop these abilities. A check is made on their teeth and their general health. They are fed during their noon-hour so that a hot lunch will aid in the learning process. In other words, we are trying to develop the whole child. But there is one facet that is very rough and dull. This is in the field of art .There is much ability in art in our school, and each new issue of the school paper shows it. All teachers are doing their best to help the pupils develop in art, but for this the services of the trained person are greatly needed. An art supervisor is recommended.

As superintendent of schools, I have been pleased with the progress that has been made during the year 1951. The school newspaper, which was initiated a few years ago, has improved in quality. The moving-picture machine and visual- and auditory-aids are being used more and more. The Christmas and graduation programs seem to be improving from year to year. The exchange play that was presented in the Easthampton High School auditorium was one which made me very proud of our Westhampton pupils. The spirit of fair play among all pupils,

and the desire to share and cooperate with the other schools in the school union, are worthy of imitation.

If there has been progress during the past year, it has only come about by cooperation. No group of people could be in back of the schools of Westhampton more than the School Committee. The principal, teachers, and superintendent know this, and I wish to thank them for this assistance. I am grateful to the faculty, who go beyond their duty to make the Westhampton school a better one. To the substitute teachers, to Mr. Watts, of the Hampshire Center, and to all individuals in their official capacities as town officers, we offer our most sincere thanks. Our gratitude goes to the P.-T. A., the Library, clubs, church, town departments, and all individuals who may in one way or another have contributed toward making this year a successful one. May I, as your superintendent, ask for your continued interest in and support of your school, and also your prayers that our democracy may be preserved in the world that the children in our school will have to live in.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. DEXTER

Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE

School Principal

To Mr. William Dexter, Supt. of Schools, and to the School Committee and Townspeople of Westhampton, Massachusetts:

It is indeed a pleasure to submit my third annual report of activities at the Westhampton Center School during the past year.

The entire staff of the school endeavored to provide, during 1951, educational services and opportunities to the youth of Westhampton and a type of education suited to the personal needs of the children. The school provides an atmosphere for the successful operation of a free and democratic society, and it is with this main objective that your children are permitted to develop their abilities and talents to the greatest degree possible. There exist *no* problems of truancy or discipline, and the children are very regular in attendance. It is also a pleasure to report that all of the children have raised their educational objectives, and every child has made significant strides.

The Westhampton Center School is a place of beginnings for likes and dislikes that lead to the setting up of life values. It is here that we start the child in the right direction, and our school has a tremendous effect and influence upon the lives of the pupils and parents. Emphasis is given to encourage friendly cooperation among children, developing a sense of responsibility through the gradual assumption of greater tasks, giving many opportunities for the appreciation of beauty, and for creative expression through the arts, building a sense of esprit de corps, and pride in all the cooperative activities of the school, promoting mutual respect and kindness in all of the human relationships in life, and in the maintenance of an atmosphere of happiness and serenity in school.

We feel that we are meeting the challenge of youth, and our program is such that a flexible and ever-increasing improvement in the total structure is not only an ultimate consequence but an eventuality!

Curricular and Extra-Curricular Activities

An illustrated 33-page booklet, delving into the past records for data, was completed by the students of the school. Material compiled concerns the early history of this community. The paramount thought behind the publication was the fact that "children should be given an opportunity to create work that is meaningful and important to them." The children enjoyed the work that such a project entails, and the townspeople are to be commended for their excellent and unsurpassed cooperation in rendering historical data and information.

As is customary in the town, the children of the school presented the annual Memorial Day program at the cemetery. This event consisted of a parade and the strewing of flowers on the many graves of the veterans.

This past year the pupils of the upper grades exchanged plays with the Easthampton High School Dramatic Club. "Judy's Joke" was presented by our pupils in the auditorium of the Easthampton High School, and several weeks later Miss Edna Graham, who coached the High School thespians, presented their plays in our town hall. Funds realized from this activity were presented to the Westhampton 4-H Town Committee for the purpose of sending children to camp during the summer.

The graduation program was held at the town hall. The Easthampton High School Band, and Mr. Barre, director, were invited to attend this event. Each graduate spoke on a topic vital to the hearts of the people interested in the work of the school. Awards were presented to the pupils. The students, in turn, as a token of appreciation, presented a grand piano to the school. Mr. Ellis Hover, Chairman of the School Committee, accepted the gift.

Special assemblies were held for the observance of the many holidays that occur during the school year. In ad-

dition to these, the following were invited to speak and/or show slides: Mr. Harold Watts of the Hampshire County Center, who spoke on the subject of Trinidad and The West; Mr. Carpenter, Audio-Visual Aids Specialist from the University of Massachusetts, who exhibited many of the display materials that are used in 4-H Club work; and Miss Karen Sandved, of Oslo, Norway, who spoke about her native land.

The school committee authorized the initiation of a school savings program sponsored by the Haydenville Savings Bank. Mr. Tower and Mr. Jorgenson spoke to the children about the program, and 99% of the children are depositors. Deposits are made every Monday with the teacher, and a representative of the bank calls at the school to receive deposits. Money is put on interest on the 15th of every month. Children thus learn by doing, and the fundamentals of arithmetic, thrift, interest, etc., are part of an actual, practical, and meaningful situation.

National observance of American Education Week was held at the school during the week of November 12. Parents and townspeople visited the school, and it is pointed out that they are welcome any day that school is in session.

During the month of December the children decorated the school for the Christmas festivities. Mural-like drawings, in pastel chalk colors, decorated the boards, and the first and second graders took special interest in making a reproduction of a stained glass window, such as they had observed at the Museum of Fine Arts in Springfield.

A field trip to the Springfield Quadrangle of Museums was made by the entire school and staff. All of the museums were visited, and special lectures were arranged for by the Director of Museums, Mr. Leo D. Otis. Mr. Harold Watts, of the Hampshire County Center, accompanied us on the trip.

Educational thought and practice, like almost everything else these days, is moving fast. The principal who does not attend a college course or who does not otherwise act to inform himself of educational developments is out of date and exists in an intellectual vacuum. It is a pleasure to state that the writer has completed requirements for the master's degree, and by virtue of this preparation significant strides are being made daily. A single day does not pass when the values are not cognizant. In addition to the above, the Conference on Rural Education was attended at the University of Massachusetts in the early spring.

IMPROVEMENTS

Further improvements to the school grounds have taken place. Additional loam was delivered; this item donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Delisle. It is planned to further landscape the lower play area. Additional seeding was done to widen the lawn area, and the children started flower gardens to help beautify the school property. The results of their work were apparent during the summer when many of the flowers blossomed.

A small fireplace was constructed by the boys, and it serves a two-fold purpose. Some of the waste paper is disposed of, and this eliminates the need of waste cans. Excellent use is also found when school picnics are held, and children roast their hot dogs and marshmallows over the coals. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Delisle donated a small sum of money for the cement for this purpose, and their contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

A hard surface play area was constructed at the school in a location that was hazardous as it contained many scattered boulders and stones. This area was filled with gravel, then surfaced with colprovia, and is now used for games such as volleyball, tennis, bowling, roller and ice skating.

The following organizations have contributed sums of money for the realization of this project.

Center School Parent-Teacher Association	$25
Westhampton Mothers' Club	25
4-H Town Committee	25
Westhampton School Department	71

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The Westhampton Center P. T. A. during this past year gained greater impetus as responsible parents took on initiative and fervor in presenting programs of interest and value. An opportunity is accorded to all persons of the town, who are interested in the school, to attend the meetings at any time. Programs concerning safety, travel, cancer, and health were presented this year.

The Parent-Teacher Association of the school again sponsors the hot soup program. This year Mrs. Herbert Mascho is the full time supervisor of the program and the enrollment is 100%. This warm supplement to the noonday lunch of the children is welcomed during the cold winter months.

APPRECIATION

In closing this report, it is with the realization that without the complete cooperation of the parents, teachers, townspeople, school committee, and children the achievements of the past years would have been impossible. YOU . . . the members of a free and democratic society, have provided the opportunities for such education through the school plant, the school committee, the superintendent, the teachers, and entire staff. Faith in the future is being met daily, and youth realizes its obligation in these times of stress. They, as useful citizens, will make full realization of the opportunities this generation has provided. Many thanks to all of YOU, for a year of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK K. FEDOR, Principal

REPORT OF THE

Physical Education Supervisor

To Mr. William Dexter, Supt. of Schools:

I am pleased to offer this report of the physical education activities in the Westhampton Center School for the year ending December 31, 1951.

During the past year the children have displayed considerable improvement in their attitudes and play behavior. They have not only developed greater skill and coordination in their activities but, even more important, have grown in cooperative spirit and sportsmanship. This will aid them not only in school but in later life as they take their places as citizens of the community.

The older boys and girls have received the fundamentals of baseball and basketball. This should enable them to understand and enjoy these games to a greater degree. The younger children have all participated in lower-level organized games.

It would be an added improvement if all of the play area beside the school building could be surfaced. Even though this area has been somewhat improved, the uneven and rocky terrain still create hazards to the younger children during their play periods. This would also make it possible to use the area for games very soon after each rainfall.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made in regard to transportation, it would benefit, and also be an added pleasure to the children, to be able to use the town hall floor for occasional games.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to all who have helped make our physical education program successful.

Respectfully submitted,

EDNA H. GRAHAM

Supervisor of Physical Education

REPORT OF THE

School Nurse

To Mr. William A. Dexter, Supt. of Schools:

The following report is submitted for the Health program at the Westhampton Center School for the year 1951.

In January the children were weighed and measured. There was a noticeable gain in weight noted in some cases which could be attributed to the hot lunch program carried out during the winter months.

There were a few cases of mumps reported during the early school semester. In April all the students were Patch tested for tuberculosis with no positive readings of the test. Due to new legislation all school personnel are required to have chest x-rays every three years. All school staff members were done when the unit was located at Williston Academy.

Two students were taken to Clarke School for a recheck hearing test, referred for further treatment to a specialist, and treatment carried out.

In May a Diphtheria Clinic was held at school. The state now supplies the triple antigen which gives immunization for diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus. There were 42 immunizations given.

In June the children were weighed and measured. Frank Miller and Donald Williams attended Camp Hodgkins for the month of July.

Dr. Ross examined for dental defects in September. A mimeographed letter from Dr. Ross was sent to parents in an effort to explain a change in fees. There were several consent slips returned so it was assumed there would be no change of dentist despite the increase in charges. The students continue to be transported to Dr. Ross's office for the dental work.

In September the children were weighed and measured. The hearing tests were done using the Easthampton Puretone Audiometer. In December Dr. Felsen examined all the students. By the end of December there have been two reported cases of whooping cough in school children.

The sanitation at school has been greatly improved under Mr. Fedor's leadership. The hot water system now installed is a great asset to hygiene. Mr. Garber from the University of Massachusetts Health Department gave a few helpful ideas regarding the hot lunch program.

I want to thank all the teachers and parents for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER

School Nurse

REPORT OF THE

Supervisor of Music

During 1951 considerable progress was made in improving the quality of the music program for the Westampton Center School.

The first big improvement came with the use of the new music texts which were purchased in 1950 by the School Committee. The song material and teachers manuals for each classroom helped students and teachers to a better understanding and appreciation of what a good music program should be.

In January a general review of fundamentals was begun in each class. Throughout the spring term Grades 1 through 5 were assigned board work, some music writing and additional rote and reading songs in the new books. The project in Grades 6, 7, and 8 was the "Pirates of Penzance', an operetta by Gilbert and Sullivan. Act 1 of this work was already condensed by the editors of the book used by the class. The rest was rewritten and condensed by your supervisor. This operetta was a real school project. The scenery was designed and built by the class with the help of Mr. Fedor and was inspired by the performance of the operetta given by the faculty at Smith College. Mrs. Eleanor Clapp and Mrs. Richard Tracy helped with costumes; Mrs. Eleanor Miller and Miss Dolores Balise the make-up, Mrs. Clifton Ewing was accompanist, and Mr. Fedor the stage manager. We used an amplifying system which greatly benefitted the audience in listening to the music. Many hours of hard work, rehearsals for individuals as well as small groups of the cast proved worth while for the students. Everyone cooperated to the fullest. The show was a success musically and financially, and was completed in May.

The usual notebook assignments were made and a prize for the best one given at graduation time. All stu-

dents in Grades 6, 7 and 8 completed a research paper on some musical subject.

Our Memorial Day program conducted by the entire school was simple and short but well done, as was the Graduation Program. The latter was distinguished by a processional and recessional by the whole school with the graduating class marching in from the back of the Town Hall. All who attended were impressed by the excellent speaking done at that time.

In September, your supervisor began a concentrated program of theory and music reading as suggested by the Superintendent. Some material was supplemented by notebook and board work in each classroom to the end that all students might be better instructed in music reading. Our new books have helped in this matter with interesting material to read. The Christmas program came directly from the class work. With the idea of a radio program, songs and poems were prepared in each class. A simple but effective entertainment resulted. Special mention should be made of the rhythm band work done in Grades 1 and 2, improved quality of singing in Grade 3, 4 and 5, and the fine effort made by the boys in Grades 6, 7 and 8.

During the year 1951, several other small plans were undertaken. Records to supplement each text book were bought and are of great assistance in teaching songs as well as listening aids. Mr. Fedor improved the appearance of his classroom by moving the piano into a corner in the room. In Mrs. Gawle's classroom the piano was moved to the front and side so that the teacher faces the class when seated at the piano.

The school choir has sung in church five times, and rehearsed music outside of school hours or during the noon hour.

Mention should be made of the fine guidance in matters musical and administrative given by Mr. Fedor. His

help, inspiration and cooperative attitude are worthy of praise and thanks not only from the music teacher but from the whole community.

Beginning in the fall of 1951, your supervisor has taught every week instead of the usual bi-weekly plan. In course of time this investment by the community will be returned, for already there is improvement in the general attitude of the students toward music and in their skill in performing music.

I wish to express my appreciation to all teachers and parents who have helped make the year's work a pleasure and a success.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER S. CLAPP

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		$21,460.00
Expended in 1951		21,457.24
Balance		$2.76

Expenditures

Administration		
William A. Dexter, Salary	372.00	
William A. Dexter, Expenses	183.23	
Christine Hickey, Census	15.00	
Myron Clapp, Truant Officer	15.00	
Bertha Voigt, Secretary	18.00	
Miscellaneous	2.61	
		605.84
Instruction		
Teachers' Salaries		
Frederick Fedor	3,080.00	
Eleanor Clapp	1,320.00	
Phyliss Gawle	960.00	
Rachel Bridgman	2,280.00	
Esther Clapp, Music	170.00	
Edna Graham, Physical Ed.	130.00	
Edna Graham, Travel	50.00	
Rinehart Handwriting System	200.00	
Marion Mascho, substitute	72.50	
Harold Watts, substitute	6.00	
		8,268.50
Books		209.85
Supplies		578.51
Maintenance		
Janitors' Salaries		
George Burt	142.00	
F. W. Blakesley	141.00	
Alice Clapp	157.00	
		$440.00

Fuel		217.60
Operating Expenses		363.21
Repairs		147.25
General		
Health		
Dr. Herman Felsen	100.00	
Dr. Abel Ross	10.00	
Ruth S. Hover, R.N.	175.00	
Medical supplies	7.06	
		292.06
Transportation		
Elementary		
Richard Warren	1,165.50	
Walter Witherell	1,924.00	
High & Vocational		
Walter Witherell	2,805.00	
Holyoke Street Railway Co.	3.50	
		5,898.00
Tuition		
High School		
City of Northampton	3,328.32	
Elementary		
Hampshire County	38.57	
Vocational		
Smith's School	733.24	
City of Holyoke	224.85	
		4,324.98
Miscellaneous		111.44
Total Expenses for Schools for Year 1951		$21,457.24

Receipts

Funds received in 1950 toward school expenses:		
Mass. School Fund, Chap. 70	$6,886.01	
Mass. School Fund, Chap. 71, Transportation	5,266.59	
Superintendent's Salary and Travel	321.24	
City of Northampton, Tuition	300.00	
Mass. Vocational Edu. Refund:		
Smith's School, Industrial Arts	149.74	
Smith's School, Household Arts	326.95	
Smith's School, Evening Adult Edu.	9.45	
Holyoke Trade School	56.12	
		$13,316.10
Net Cost of Maintaining Schools for 1950		$8,141.14
Net Cost per Pupil		$101.76

Attendance Figures for the School Year Ending June, 1951

	Whole No. Enrolled	Average Membership	Average Attendance
Frederick Fedor, 6, 7, 8	26	26.76	25.58
Eleanor Clapp, 3, 4, 5	20	20.65	19.47
Rachel Bridgman, 1, 2	21	21.32	19.78
	67	68.73	64.83

1951 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT BUDGET

	Budget 1951	Spent 1951	Budget 1952
Administration	$560.00	$605.84	$700.00
Instruction			
Teachers' Salaries	8,000.00	8,268.50	9,040.00
Books	250.00	209.85	250.00
Supplies	300.00	578.51	500.00
Maintenance			
Janitors' Salaries	450.00	440.00	450.00
Fuel	300.00	217.60	300.00
Operating Expenses	250.00	363.21	450.00
Repairs & Replace.	250.00	147.25	2,000.00
General			
Health	300.00	292.06	350.00
Transportation			
High & Vocational	2,800.00	2,808.50	2,760.00
Elementary	2,800.00	3,089.50	3,337.50
Tuition			
High School	3,300.00	3,328.32	5,000.00
Elementary		38.57	
Vocational	1,600.00	958.09	1,000.00
Contingent	250.00	111.44	250.00
Outlay	50.00		500.00
	$21,460.00	$21,457.24	$26,887.50

REPORT OF THE

Well Child Conference

The Well Child Conference was held in Westhampton, Wednesday, June 27, 1951 in the Town Hall. It was conducted by Dr. Herman Felsen, examining physician, Miss Marjorie Shaw, nutritionist, courtesy of the Hampshire County Extension Service, Mrs. Enoch Perkins, registrar, and Mrs. Ruth Hover, nurse. The volunteer staff from the Westhampton Mothers Club were: Mrs. Eleanor Clapp, hostess for the luncheon, Mrs. Lydia Omasta. Elizabeth Loud volunteered help caring for the children.

There were 35 children examined. It was impossible to give everyone interested an appointment so it was decided to examine others in September when Dr. Felsen came to school.

New cases: 16 vaccinated; 5 physical defects noted: eyes 2, nose 2, skin 2, teeth 1, throat 3, glands 3, mouth 1, tonsils 7, genitalia 3, feet 1, posture 1. Nutrition: watch sweets 2, cod-liver oil 3, whole wheat bread 1, wheat germ 1.

I wish to thank the Westhampton Mothers Club and the volunteer staff for their help in making this conference a success.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH S. HOVER

REPORT OF THE

Center Cemetery

Appropriation for 1951		$300.00
Expenditures		
Labor	$255.50	
Miscellaneous	10.70	
	$266.20	

Work for the year 1951 consisted mainly of maintenance and upkeep. A total of ninety-five hours was employed in lawn cutting, about equally divided between hand and power machine. Another forty-five hours was spent in trimming around monuments.

There was considerable regrading done in the spring to further reduce the mowing time and to improve the general appearance of the Cemetry.

STANLEY BARTLETT

Cartaker

REPORT OF THE

Fire Department

In compliance with Chapter 47, Section 42 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the third annual report of the condition and operation of the Westhampton Fire Department.

There were five general drills held, with a total of 150 man hours spent. Twenty-four group-drills were called with a total of 480 man hours.

In 1951, there were four fire calls, three of which were chimney fires, and one grass fire. A total of 44 hours was spent at fires.

Fire permits issued—64
L.P. gas permits—17
Oil permits—12

Some work has been done to improve water-hole approaches.

Your attention is called to the following recommendations:

1. That the town vote to appropriate the sum of $500 (five hundred dollars) to be added to the fund established for a Fire Department Building.

2. That the Town vote to appropriate a sum of money to buy a portable pump (information to be given at Town Meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES O. HICKEY
Fire Chief

REPORT OF THE

Inspector of Buildings

Building Permits Issued in 1951:

#31 C. R. Burt—House

#32 Frank Stuart—House (poultry)

#33 Merril Witherell—House

#34 Walter Lacombe—House

#35 D. B. Lyman—House (boiler)

#36 D. B. Lyman—Shop (addition)

#37 East. Beagle Club—Club House

#38 Frank Hathaway—House (poultry)

#39 Oliver Bishop—Garage

#40 Hampshire County Center—Garage

#41 Walter Witherell—Boiler Room

D. B. LYMAN

Articles in the Town Warrant

TOWN MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1952

Ten A.M. — Prompt

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To hear and act on all reports presented at said meeting.

Article 4. To choose all necessary officers to serve the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to leave the care of the highways in charge of the Selectmen.

Article 6. To vote in compliance with Section 108, Chapter 41, General Laws, which requires that salaries of elected officers be fixed by vote of the Town.

Article 7. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year.

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1952, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable with-

in one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 highways, Chapter 90 highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $1000.00 to cover the 1951 note on the Town Hall.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $1000.00 for the note on the Town Hall and $260.00 for interest on the same.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $125.00 to purchase chairs for the Town Hall.

Article 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate $200.00 to purchase a typewriter and adding machine for use at the Town Hall, or take any other action thereon.

(Other articles may appear in the posted warrant.)

Apr 21 - Frank [illegible] - 1 ballot

~~[illegible]~~ - 18.00 ✓

Selection - 150. - 100. ✓

[illegible] - 125. - 100. ✓

[illegible] - 80. - 60. ✓

Treasure } 250. ✓

Tapcol } 175. ✓

Clock - 100 + frame ✓

[illegible] 25.00 ✓

To - [illegible]

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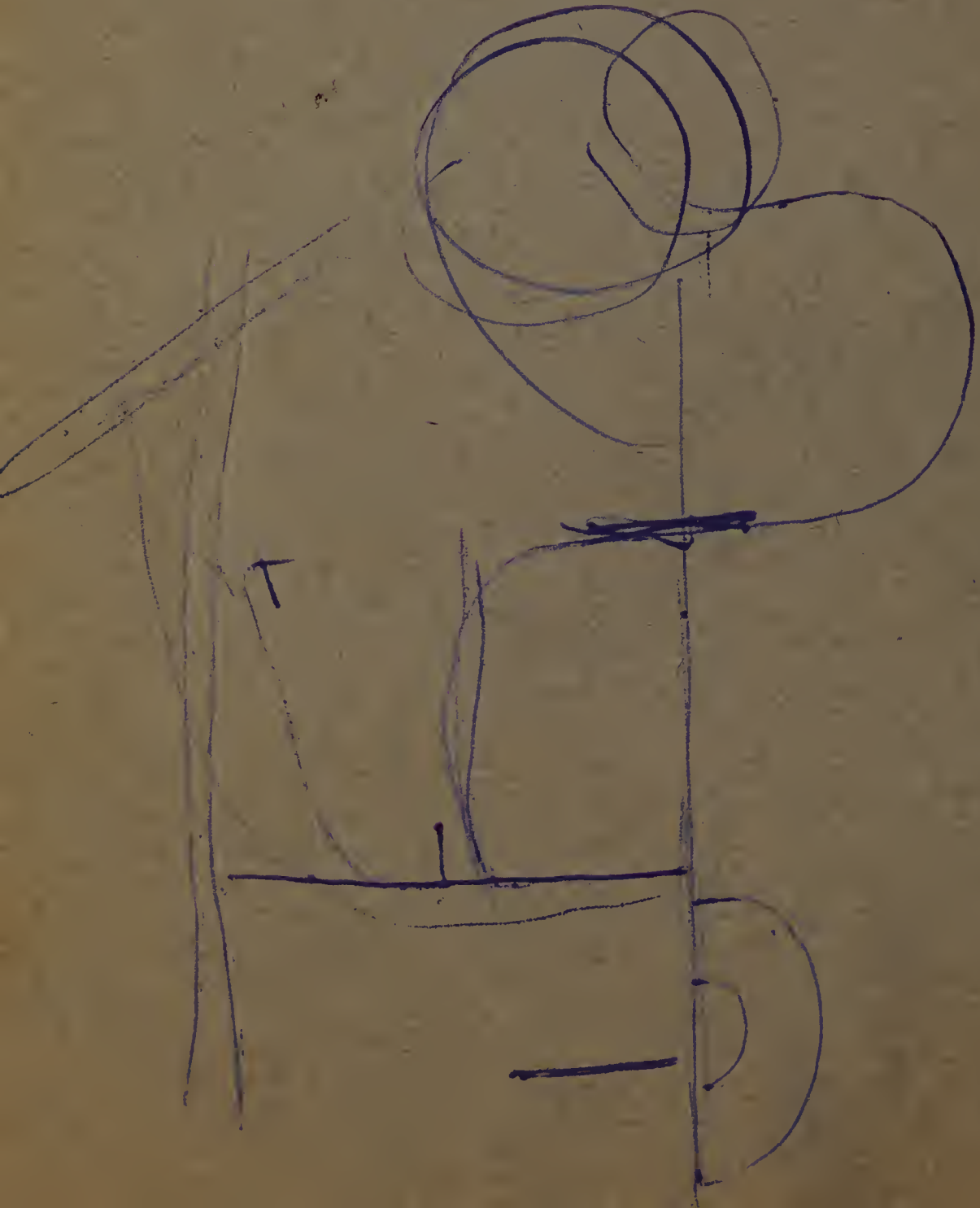
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